

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House of Representatives today voted 400-15 to pass the conference version of the Department of Defense funding bill. After the Senate votes later this week, the bill will go to the president's desk; he has signaled that he will sign it. Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) has worked to include more than \$19 million in the bill for the Central Coast.

"These funds are proof of the essential military mission performed by the Naval Postgraduate School, the Monterey Institute for International Studies and other vital Department of Defense programs," Rep. Farr said. "The Central Coast has repeatedly proved itself a vital region for our national security priorities."

Rep. Farr's work on the Appropriations Committee helped secure these programs:

Naval Postgraduate School:

- **NPS laboratory modernization, \$8 million.** Funds will modernize NPS laboratories and related science and engineering library holdings.
- **Center for Defense Technology and Education for the Military Services, \$4 million.** Will fund several programs including the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies; Stability, Security, Transition and Reconstruction Certificate; Tactical Networking Topology; Remote Sensing Center; CNO Distinguished Fellows Program.
- **Field Experimentation Program for Special Operations, \$1.6 million.** Will allow Special Operations Command officers returning from tours overseas to build upon their battlefield experiences with new technologies in a structured research and development environment.

Monterey Institute for International Studies:

- **Translation and interpretation skills for the Department of Defense, \$1.6 million.** The institute, which offers the only graduate-level translation and interpretation curriculum in the United States, will develop and implement a program to build national capacity in translation and interpretation for Defense Department personnel.

Other programs:

- **Tactical RPG Airbag Protection System (TRAPS) Enhancement, \$1.6 million.** Uses funds to build on previous research to defeat tandem RPG and anti-tank guided missile threats.
- **Mobile Battery Shop, \$800,000.** Funds will enable the Army to purchase Mobile Battery Shops that allow for battery recovery and verification systems.
- **Center for Nonproliferation Studies, \$1.6 million.** Located at the Monterey Institute for International Studies.

"The last two days have seen the House pass funding bills worth \$68 million for Central Coast military projects and veteran support programs," Rep. Farr said. "Both bills are expected to be signed by the president, and I look forward to continuing my support in the years to come."

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